Resolution 156 (1959)[1]

Reply to the First Report of the European Parliamentary Assembly to the Consultative Assembly

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly :

1. Thanks the European Parliament for the transmission of its First Report and trusts that further methods of collaboration may be instituted ; and, in particular, that in addition to the transmission of an Annual General Report by the European Parliament and the holding of Joint Sessions of the two Assemblies, arrangements, will be made for appropriate liaison, where necessary, between corresponding committees ;

2. Notes with special interest the long-term political considerations shown in the Report as underlying the guidance which the Assembly gives to the work of the Communities ;

3. Notes the particular importance attached by the European Parliament to the social development of the Communities and expresses its belief that continuous parliamentary consideration of social questions is particularly important in present economic conditions ;

4. Expresses its agreement with the European Parliament's view that a coordinated policy for the development of all sources of energy is vitally necessary for Europe's future economic growth ; hopes, like the European Parliament, that the successful completion of the transitional period for the establishment of the European Coal and Steel Community will facilitate the inclusion of the coal and steel sectors in a European Economic Association ; and hopes also that the European Parliament will press for the greatest possible development of the relations between Euratom and the European Nuclear Energy Agency ;

5. Expresses its particular concern regarding the development of the association of overseas countries and territories with the Communities and hopes that the next Report of the European Parliament will contain as much detailed information as possible on this subject, particularly in connection with the wish expressed by the Parliament to see representatives of these countries and territories participate in the work of the institutions of the Communities ;

6. Expresses its agreement with the European Parliament that it is essential to ensure that the three Communities must not develop separately but must harmonise their policies and organisation into a single effort in the direction of European integration ; and hopes, further, that the European Parliament will support efforts to ensure that, where possible and appropriate, such harmonisation of the technical work of the Communities may be extended to assist the work of a future European Economic Association ;

7. Welcomes the continued references in the Report to the open character of the Six, and hopes that the European Parliamentary Assembly will give every possible support to the efforts being made at the present time to bring about the European Economic Association.

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1. (see Doc. 920, Report of the Political Committee). This Resolution was adopted by the Assembly at its 26th Sitting, on 20th January 1959